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SUB: INCUMBENT SUPREME COURT MEMBERS APPOINTED TO NEW TERM

1. ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1978, THE SENATE RATIFIED ALL
SITTING JUDGES WHO PRESENTLY CONSTITUTE THE NATIONAL
SUPREME COURT, GIVING THEM ANOTHER FOUR-YEAR TERM IN
OFFICE. THE VOTE OF THE OPPOSITION MAJORITY
PARTIDO REFORMISTA (PR)
SENATORS WAS UNANIMOUS. THE GOVERNMENT'S PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO
DOMINICANO (PRD) BLOC ABSTAINED.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE COURT WHO CONTINUE IN OFFICE ARE:

PRESIDENT-NESTOR CONTIN AYBAR

1ST JUDGE-FERNANDO E. RAVELO DE LA FUENTE

2ND JUDGE-MANUEL A. AMIAMA
FRANCISCO ELPIDIO BERAS
FELIPE OSVALDO PERDOMO BAEZ
MAXIMO LOVATON PITTALUGA

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COMMENT: THE SENATE'S ACTION WAS NOT UNEXPECTED. IT
CONFIRMS A BASIC STRATEGY OF THE OPPOSITION REFORMISTAS:
TO KEEP THEIR HOLD ON THE JUDICIARY FOR THE TWO-FOLD

PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING A CHECK ON JUDICIAL REFORM AND OF
HAVING "THEIR" JUDGES IN PLACE, SHOULD THE NEW GOVERNMENT
DECIDE TO PROSECUTE MEMBERS OF THE BALAGUER ADMINISTRATION
FOR WRONGDOING. AS RAMON GARCIA GOMEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAWYERS COMMENTED IN SOME
FRUSTRATION, RATIFICATION OF NEW TERMS FOR THE PRESIDING
JUSTICES LOOKS LIKE POLITICS AS USUAL ON THE HIGH COURT.
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